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THE  
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OF THE

Hon. Mrs. Catherine Newton,

Wife of JOHN NEWTON, Esq;

AND

Daughter of the Right Honourable and  
Reverend Lord Francis Seymour;

AT THE

Consistory Court of DOCTOR'S COMMONS;

UPON A

LIBEL AND ALLEGATIONS,

Charging her with the Crime of

A D U L T E R Y,

WITH

Mr. Isham Baggs, a young Oxonian; Mr. Brett,  
a Player at Bath; Thomas Cope, Mrs. New-  
ton's Coachman; Isaac Hatheway, her Footman;  
John Ackland, of Fairfield, in the County of Som-  
erset, Esquire; and divers other Persons. With  
all the interesting Scenes fully, minutely, and cir-  
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Hon. Mrs. CATHERINE NEWTON.

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10th December.

ON the allegation given by Gostling, jun. on behalf of John Newton, Esq; bearing date the third session of Trinity term, to wit, 4th July, 1778.

*The Deposition of John Pope.*

JOHN POPE, late postillion at the York-House hotel, in the city of Bath, but now lodging at Mr. Langford's, a cook's shop, near Sheppard's market,  
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Hyde Park Corner, in the county of Middlesex, aged about three or four-and-twenty years, a witness, produced and sworn.

To the third article of the allegation he deposes and says, that in the beginning of the month of April, in the year 1777, to the best of his recollection and belief as to the time, he the deponent went to live as groom to John Newton, Esq; party in this cause, who was then resident at his house, in the Circus in Bath, and thereby the deponent came to know him and his wife, the honourable Catherine Newton, also party in this cause, who lived with him; that the deponent continued to live with the said John Newton, Esq; for about five months, and left his service about the end of last August was twelvemonth; that the day after he so went to live with the said parties, the family and servants left Bath, and went to King's Bromley, in Staffordshire, where the said Mr. Newton had a house, and where he stayed during his aforesaid service, and where the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton also stayed, except that they were, in the course of the said five months, absent a few days together at the house of lady Holt, sister of the said Mrs.

Mrs. Newton, at Aston, not far from Birmingham; and except also that he thinks the said Mr. Newton was, in the said time, once absent, and came to London, but that Mrs. Newton remained at King's Bromley aforesaid, during his said absence, which was for about a week: but further to the said article he knows not to depose, save that during the time he was in the service of the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton as aforesaid, they the said parties, lived and cohabited together, to the best of his knowledge and belief, as lawful husband and wife, and were so esteemed to be.

To the 4th article of the allegation he deposes and says, that during the time he was in the service of the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton as aforesaid, he was not much within doors, but knows nothing to the contrary, but that the said parties in this cause then lived very agreeably together, for he never heard any disturbances; and further to the said article he knows not to depose.

To the 5th article of the said allegation he deposes and says, that from what he saw or observed of his mistress the said Mrs. Newton, she seemed to be of a very free and open disposition, and would talk

and joke with the servants, and used to like coming into the stables, and going almost every day a riding; but further or otherwise to the said article he knows not to depose.

To the 7th article of the said allegation he deposes and says, that during the time he lived with the said parties in this cause, there was a servant, whose name was Isaac Hatheway, or some such name, and he was the said Mrs. Newton's footman, and he used to attend her as such as well on foot as on horseback; but further to the said article he knows not to depose, save that he hath seen papers with writing on them, in the said Isaac Hatheway's watch case, which he told the deponent, his mistress (meaning the said Mrs. Newton) had given him, or to that effect; but what the writing was he the deponent knows not; and save also that the said footman, Isaac, left his place in August, 1777, on the same day as the deponent went away.

To the 16th article of the said allegation he deposes and says, that he well remembers, that during the time he lived as groom to the said Mr. Newton as aforesaid, that one Mr. Baggs, a young gentleman, was upon a visit for upwards of a month, and that he was there when  
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the deponent went away ; and he further saith, that he well knows Thomas Cope, articulate, who came to live as coachman to the said parties in this cause, in and about a month after he the deponent went to King's Bromley aforesaid, and the deponent left him there ; that after the said coachman had been there some short time, he the coachman, and the said Isaac, the footman, were both taken ill, but the coachman got well first, and then used to attend his said mistress, Mrs. Newton, on horseback ; but the deponent thinks either Mr. Baggs, or some person or other, used always to ride out with Mrs. Newton at such times ; and he further saith, that the said Mrs. Newton used frequently to come into the stables ; and the deponent remembers once seeing her pat, with one hand, one of the horses that the said Thomas Cope, the coachman, was then upon (for he was going out, at that time, with the chaise) and her other hand, at that time, was on the said Thomas Cope's thigh ; but further to the said article he knows not to depose.

To the 17th and 18th articles of the said allegation he deposes, that the said Mrs. Newton used sometimes to ride single, and sometimes double (behind the said



said Thomas Cope, the coachman) and they used sometimes to come home about half a quarter of an hour after the company which the said Mrs. Newton had been riding with; that the said Mrs. Newton had three horses which she used to ride singly upon, that the deponent hath often seen the said Mrs. Newton in Richard Redfern's, the game keeper's room, which was over a stable adjoining to the coachman's stable, sometimes two or three times in a day; that there was a bed in the said room, and the game-keeper and the said Thomas Cope, the coachman, used to sleep there; that the deponent never saw the said Mrs. Newton alone in the said room, either with the coachman, the game-keeper, or any other person, nor ever heard, to the best of his knowledge, of her being so alone: And he further saith, that there was a door from the landing place at the entrance, into the said game-keeper's room, which door opened into the hayloft, and there was also a hole in the floor of the hayloft, and a fixed step ladder, by which a person could go up into the hayloft from the stable, without coming to the aforesaid door; that there was also the gardener's room on the same floor as the game-

game-keeper's, but there was no bed therein, and such room was generally kept locked, but the key was sometimes hanging near the door; and he further saith, that he hath several times been going up into the hayloft, or into the game-keeper's room, and hath seen his mistress (Mrs. Newton) and the said coachman together in the said hayloft, but never saw them there alone together; for either the aforesaid Mr. Baggs, or one Miss Viney (a companion to Mrs. Newton) or one or more of the Miss Hardings (who have been at the house on a visit) have been present at the time, and he the deponent used (of his own accord) without any particular orders, to come down again on seeing them together; and further or otherwise to the said article he knows not to depose.

To the nineteenth article of the said allegation, he deposes and says, that he well remembers once seeing the butler, Mr. Bird, carry a note into the said hayloft, which note the deponent understood came from one Squire Curzon, who lived about six or seven miles from King's Bromley, and the deponent was then in the stable taking care of the horse that the said Squire Curzon's servant came upon; and he, the deponent, looked up the hole  
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from the stable into the hayloft, and there faw the faid Mrs. Newton, and the faid Thomas Cope, the coachman, and Mifs Viney, or one of the aforefaid Mifs Har- dings; that they were all ftanding up in the hayloft talking and laughing together, and the deponent could hear them laughing when he was in the ftable; but further to the faid articles he knows not to depofe.

JOHN POPE.

*The fame witnefs on interrogatories, administered on behalf of the Honourable Catherine Newton, wife of John Newton, Esq; aforefaid, party in this caufe.*

To the firft interrogatory, he answers and fays, that he comes to be a witnefs in this caufe at the request of Mr. Lane, a counfeller or attorney in King's-ftreet, Covent Garden, a friend of Mr. Newton's, the producent; and was applied to by the faid Mr. Lane, about a month ago or more, to know whether he, the respondent, had any objection to fpeak the truth, as far as he knew it, refpecting the conduct or behaviour of Mrs. Newton,

ton, meaning the ministrant in this cause; and the respondent said he had no objection to do so, or to that effect, and he was at that time at Bath; and about a twelvemonth ago, though he thinks not quite so long, for it's since last Christmas, Mr. Bird, butler to Mr. Newton, asked the respondent much the same question as Mr. Lane afterwards did; and the respondent answered as before mentioned, that he the respondent hath not received, been promised, nor doth he expect to receive any fee, reward, gratuity, or present for attending to give his testimony in this cause, except that the said Mr. Lane hath, for better than a month last past, given his respondent money at different times to pay for his lodging and board, he being out of place, and coming to London from Bath, on account of this his examination, and he thinks he hath had four guineas and an half in all, including his expences in coming from Bath; and further to the said interrogatory he knows not to depose.

To the second interrogatory, he answers and says, that he hath not had any consultation or meeting with any person or persons, respecting what he or any one should say or depose in this cause,

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and he doth upon his oath say, that he hath not been at any meeting or consultation respecting his evidence with Mr. John Charnock, a friend of Mr. Newton's, the producents, as interrogate: and further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer, save that the said Mr. Lane asked the respondent at Bath, if he had not ever seen any freedoms or intimacy pass between his mistress (the said Mrs. Newton) and a footman of the said Mr. Charnock's, called Thomas; and he, the said respondent, told the said Mr. Lane that he had never seen any such freedoms or intimacy, nor any thing further than the said footman used sometimes to walk out and attend on the said Mrs. Newton as a footman.

To the third interrogatory, he answers, that he lived with the parties in this cause, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, for about four or near five months, and was in the capacity of groom, at King's Bromley, in Staffordshire, where the said Mr. Newton had a house, and that he left his said place about the end of August, 1777; that he, the respondent was, together with Isaac Hatheway, the footman, discharged all at once, without any particular reason being given him; but he, the respondent, had



had had warning given him by the said Mr. Newton's butler, about a fortnight or more previous to his going away, though he thought just before he was discharged that such warning would not be carried into execution; and further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer, save that a day or two before he was discharged he had some words with the coachman, Thomas Cope, who said he could get him, this respondent, or any one discharged, or that it lay in his power so to do, or he made use of words to that effect.

To the fourth interrogatory, he answers, that he heard the said coachman say, that his mistress, meaning the said Mrs. Newton, had flung her handkerchief at him, as she was in the post-chaise; and that he, the said coachman, who drove the chaise, gave it her, or flung it at her again, but he did not say when he gave it her again, or flung it at her again, as the respondent recollects; nor can he now take upon himself to say what particular expressions the coachman then made use of; but he remembers that either the gamekeeper, or the footman, Isaac, was one day reading a paper, which expressed something about refusing a lady's favours;

and it was then thought by the servants to allude to the coachman's having returned the handkerchief which Mrs. Newton had thrown at him ; and further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer, save that he hath heard the said coachman say, that his said mistress had flung things (such as little stones) frequently at him from the chaise as he was driving, and that he used to fling things back at her.

To the fifth interrogatory, he answers, that there used to be often company at the said Mr. Newton's house, and one or two young ladies, called Miss Hardings, used to be at the house, on a visit, for several days at a time ; that the said Mrs. Newton used to ride out sometimes single and sometimes double, but he knows not for what particular reason she did so ; and he thinks one of the said Miss Hardings hath rode out double as well as single ; for Mrs. Newton and other company used to be continually riding out, when the weather would permit, sometimes even twice in a day ; but further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer.

To the sixth interrogatory, he answers, that he knows that the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney used occasionally to

go into the stable and passage, close to the game-keeper's room, which was very near the hayloft, and to feed or see a tame hare; which was sometimes kept in the stable, he thinks, and sometimes in the game-keeper's room; and also some puppies, which were (as he best remembers) in the aforesaid passage: but further, or otherwise to the said interrogatory, he knows not to answer, and he remembers he is upon his oath.

To the seventh interrogatory, he answers, that he hath always understood, since he first knew the said Mrs. Newton, that she is the daughter of the Right Honourable and Reverend Lord Francis Seymour, Dean of Wells; but further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer, not having ever heard any thing respecting the manner in which the said Mrs. Newton had been brought up or educated.

To the eighth interrogatory, he answers, that he the said John Newton, Esq; the ministrant, is an elderly man, and when the respondent lived with him as aforesaid, he understood his said master was sixty years of age, and he remembers keeping his birth-day, and thinks that he was then entering into his sixtieth year;

year; that he knows not that the said Mr. Newton is, or is not, of a jealous suspicious temper and disposition as interrogate, nor ever heard any thing about the same; that his master always appeared to the respondent to be a very quiet sober sort of gentleman; and further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer.

To the ninth interrogatory he answers, that the said Mrs. Newton, the ministrant, is of a very lively temper and disposition, as he believes; for she always appeared very lively; but further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer, save that he the respondent never knew or heard of the said Mr. Newton's being jealous or suspicious of his wife, as interrogate; except that some few weeks after he had left his aforesaid service, he understood that his said master and mistress were gone to France; and that the coachman, Thomas Pope, had been discharged; and that Mr. Baggs, herein before mentioned, was gone away; and that there had been a great disturbance in the family.

To the tenth interrogatory, he answers, that what he saw of the behaviour of the said Mr. Newton to his wife (the said Mrs. Newton) was like that of a good husband and a gentleman; and further to  
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the said interrogatory he knows not, nor hath he heard to his knowledge, to answer.

To the 11th interrogatory he knows not (nor hath he, to the best of his knowledge, ever heard) to answer.

To the 12th interrogatory he knows not that he ever saw his mistress, the said ministrant, in tears, and doth not know that he ever heard of her being in tears as interrogate, and further to the said interrogatory he knows not to answer.

To the 13th interrogatory he answers, that he heard that Mr. Charnock went to France with the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton; but further to the said interrogatory he knows not, nor hath he heard to answer.

The witness was admonished as directed.

JOHN POPE.

On



13th January, 1779

On the allegation given by Gostling, jun.

*The Deposition of Elizabeth Bindlose.*

ELIZABETH BINDLOSE, house-keeper to John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford, spinster, aged 31 years, a witness, produced and sworn.

To the 1st, 2d, and 3d articles of the said allegation, the deponent saith, that five years ago in October last, she went to live, in the capacity of a house-keeper, in the family of John Newton, Esq; the producent in this cause, and thereby first came to know him, and hath lived in his family ever since, and now lives with him, in the same capacity, at his seat, at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford. That the said John Newton, Esq; intermarried with the honourable Catherine Newton, his present wife, the other party in this cause, as the deponent was informed, on the 6th day of June, 1776, at Wells, in the county of Somerset; that Mrs. Newton's maiden name was Seymour, and she was the daughter of  
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the right honourable and reverend lord Francis Seymour, dean of Wells; and at the time of such marriage, was, as the deponent believes, and hath heard, under age: that on the same day, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton came to the seat of the said Mr. Newton, at Spetisbury articulate, where the deponent then was in company with the said lord Francis Seymour and his lady, Miss Frances Seymour, a younger sister of the said Mrs. Newton, and a Miss Pratt: that they, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton, resided at Spetisbury aforesaid, till the Christmas following, when they, with their family, removed to a house in the Circus, in the city of Bath, and there resided till the month of April, 1777, when they removed with their family to the said Mr. Newton's seat, at King's Bromley articulate, where they resided till the month of October following, when they set off together, as the deponent understood, for France; where, as the deponent hath heard and believes, the said Mrs. Newton was, by her own desire, to be placed to board in a convent; and, during all the time they, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton resided at Spetisbury, Bath, and King's Bromley, as aforesaid, they lived and co-

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habited together as lawful husband and wife, and so were universally esteemed and reputed to be; and further to the said articles, or any of them, she cannot depose.

To the 4th and 5th articles, the deponent saith, that whilst they, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton so lived and cohabited together as aforesaid, the deponent had many opportunities of seeing the manner of his conduct and behaviour towards her, and that he always treated her with the greatest regard, tenderness, and affection, and his universal character, with respect to the said Mrs. Newton, was that of a most tender affectionate husband; and the deponent hath also seen the said Mrs. Newton, within the above period, behave, on many occasions, as the deponent thought, in a very improper manner; and her behaviour, in general, was remarkably free and flighty; and she frequently admitted the articulate Isham Baggs, and Thomas Cope, to great freedoms and familiarities, as will be hereafter more particularly mentioned, and such as the deponent thought, and does think, were very indecent and improper, and more especially so with regard to the said Thomas Cope, considering his situation  
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in the said Mr. Newton's family; and the deponent does apprehend and believe, that the reason the said Mr. Newton carried the said Mrs. Newton away from his house at King's Bromley aforesaid, and withdrew himself from her, was her apparent ill conduct and behaviour; but further to the said articles she cannot depose.

To the sixth article, the deponent saith, that whilst the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton resided at Bath, as aforesaid, she, the said Mrs. Newton, became acquainted with the articulate ——— Brett, who was a player and singer at the play-house there, and that was, as the deponent believes, the first of her acquaintance with him; that the said Mrs. Newton, went also, almost every day, to a riding school at Bath, kept by one Serrace, and where one Dash always attended as a rough rider; that the deponent never saw any instances of indecent familiarities between the said Mrs. Newton and the said ——— Brett, or ——— Dash; but that it was very publickly talked of at Bath, that she did behave in much too free and flighty a manner towards them both, and so as to encourage them both to take, what was generally said to be, great and



impertinent liberties with her, as a lady of rank and fashion; and the deponent hath often heard Isaac Hatheway, the said Mrs. Newton's own footman, who always attended her, say, his mistress, meaning the said Mrs. Newton, was going every morning to the playhouse, and he could not think what business she had to go so often to the play-house for; and the deponent verily believes, that the said Mrs. Newton went at those times after the said ——— Brett, who was a married man, but the deponent knows not she ever learnt to sing of him: that the deponent hath heard it talked of, that the said Mrs. Newton had a room near the aforesaid riding school, at the house of the aforesaid ——— Dash, but what purpose it was for, or what use she made of it, this deponent never heard: and further to the said article she cannot depose.

To the seventh article, the deponent saith, she hath frequently seen the said Mrs. Newton talk and laugh in a very free and familiar way with the articulate Isaac Hatheway, who waited on the said Mrs. Newton, as her own footman, and had lived in the said Mrs. Newton's family between three and four years; that she



she used frequently to call for the said Isaac Hatheway, and on his coming into the room would burst into a loud laugh; and on his asking her whether she wanted him, she would answer, no, Isaac, and continue laughing, and the said Isaac Hatheway would then leave the room in a loud laugh also; that, at other times, she would ask the said Isaac Hatheway for his watch, and the deponent hath frequently seen her carry such watch about, for some time, in her hand, dangling by the chain, but could not account for the said Mrs. Newton's reason for so doing, as she had two watches of her own; that such conduct of the said Mrs. Newton, towards the said Isaac Hatheway, was in the course of the summer of the year 1777, and whilst the family resided at King's Bromley, aforesaid; and the deponent also, during that period, hath heard the said Mrs. Newton sometimes say, that Isaac, meaning the said Isaac Hatheway, was an impudent fellow, and she loved an impudent fellow to her heart; or use expressions to that very effect; and further to the said article she cannot depose.

To the eighth article, the deponent saith, that the articulate Isham Baggs is a young gentleman, whom, as the deponent

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nent hath heard, and always understood and believes, the said Mr. Newton brought up and educated at his own expence; from his infancy, and that his sole dependance was on the said Mr. Newton; that the said Mr. Baggs was at the university of Oxford before the deponent went into Mr. Newton's family, and was intended, as the deponent understood, to be bred to the Church; that about the latter end of June, or beginning of July, in the year 1777, the said Mr. Baggs came from Oxford to the said Mr. Newton's seat, at King's Bromley, aforesaid, and staid there till the beginning of October following, and till about a week before the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton set off for France; that in a very short time after the said Mr. Baggs came to King's Bromley, as aforesaid, and at different times while he continued there, the deponent hath seen great familiarities and improper freedoms pass between him and the said Mrs. Newton; that the deponent hath frequently seen him catch her up in his arms, and press her close to him; and twice saw them lying together on the bed of the said Baggs, as she, the deponent, passed by his room door, which was wide open, when they seemed to be  
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toying and playing together, and one of the times his arm was laid round her waist; that the deponent hath also seen the said Mrs. Newton change her shoes when the said Mr. Baggs was standing in the room; and she, on such occasions, took up her petticoats so high, that the deponent, and the said Mr. Baggs, could plainly see part of her bare thighs; that the deponent hath also, several times, seen the said Mrs. Newton lying flat on her back, on the stairs, exactly opposite the door of the said Mr. Baggs's room, when it was wide open, and he was in the room dressing for dinner, and in that posture and situation would talk with the said Mr. Baggs, and at times would burst out into loud and immoderate fits of laughter; and did not pay any sort of regard, or appear the least confounded or disconcerted, if any of the servants, either men or women, happened to go up, or down stairs, and see her in that situation: that, for some time, there was scarce a day passed when the said Mr. Baggs's bed, and also the said Mrs. Newton's own bed, and another bed, in which a Miss Muckleston used to sleep, in a room opposite Mrs. Newton's, were so much tumbled, after they had been made in a morning, that

that they were obliged to be made again before night, of which the house-maids often complained to the deponent; and the said Mr. Baggs also, several times, said to the deponent, he wondered why the devil the maids did not defer making his bed 'till night, for they knew it was always tumbled again if it was made in a morning; and the deponent apprehends the said beds were always so tumbled by the said Mr. Baggs, and Mrs. Newton, romping and playing at the time of dressing before dinner, which they generally did, and at such times getting on the said beds; and the deponent doth very believe, from the many instances of freedom and familiarity, which she hath seen, between the said Mr. Baggs and Mrs. Newton, that the connection and intercourse between them was of a criminal nature; and further to the said article she cannot depose.

To the ninth article the deponent saith, that she, one afternoon, very soon after the said Isham Baggs came to King's Bromley as beforementioned, was attending the said Catherine Newton in her bed chamber, in the absence of Hannah Wilson, her own maid servant, whilst she was combing her hair; and a Miss Kitty  
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Harding, who was then on a visit at the said Mr. Newton's, was in the room with her : that at such time she had taken off her jacket and petticoat, and had put on a short bed-gown instead thereof ; and whilst in that situation, and with her hair only slightly pinned up, she and the said Miss Harding went into the said Mr. Baggs's room, where he then was, and where the deponent heard them all three romping and playing together for some time : that the deponent then going out into the passage, saw them all come out of the said Mr. Baggs's room together ; and the said Mr. Baggs then pulled Mrs. Newton's hair down over her eyes, saying, in a jocular laughing way, " hide them, that they may do no more mischief ;" at which, so far from shewing any anger or resentment, she, the said Mrs. Newton, joined in the laugh with him ; and he then took up the said Mrs. Newton in one arm, and the said Miss Harding in the other, and brought them into the said Mrs. Newton's room, and laid them both down on her bed, and then went down stairs and left them ; and further to the said article she cannot depose.

To the tenth and eleventh articles the deponent saith, that after the said Mr.

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Newton and his family removed to King's Bromley as aforesaid, and till the said Mr. Isham Baggs came there, the said Mrs. Newton never made use of any other room as a dressing-room, but the bed-chamber in which she and the said Mr. Newton slept, which was on the same floor, but at some distance from the said Mr. Baggs's room; but in about three weeks, or a month, after the said Mr. Baggs came to King's Bromley, the said Mrs. Newton began to make use of, and after that, constantly did make use of, a room next adjoining to the said Mr. Baggs's room, and with which there was a communication by a door in the partition between the two rooms, against which door a writing desk usually stood; that there was also a bed in such room, and the use it was originally intended for, was a spare room, for the accommodation of any company who might come to the house: that the said Mrs. Newton, at first, only made use of such room to sit in occasionally; but, soon after, constantly went into it as soon as she was out of bed in a morning, and always dressed herself there; and after she so began to make use of it, she constantly kept the key of the outward door thereof, which opened into the passage, for the first

first week, and kept the door locked when she was not in the room herself, so that the servants could not get in even to dust it; and afterwards she, or the said Mr. Baggs, constantly kept the key of the said door of communication between the two rooms, or else put it into the drawer of the aforesaid writing desk, but it was scarcely ever in the door, as it had used to be; and the deponent's sitting room, which was called the house-keeper's room, was immediately under the bed-chamber of the said Mr. Baggs: and the deponent further saith, that the articulate Hannah Wilson, the said Mrs. Newton's waiting woman, used generally, whilst the said Mr. Baggs was at King's Bromley, as aforesaid, to go up to call Mrs. Newton, about eight o'clock in the morning, and ask her if she would chuse then to rise; that the said Mrs. Newton would then ask her, as she often informed the deponent, whether she had breakfasted, and on her replying in the negative, she would order her to go down and get her breakfast, and then come up to her again, and she would then get up; that the said Hannah Wilson accordingly used to come down into the deponent's room, under the said Mr. Baggs's, with

whom, and the butler, she always breakfasted; and the deponent, and the said Hannah Wilson, immediately on her so coming down to the deponent, could plainly hear the said Mrs. Newton's dressing room door open, and a person go into it, whom they concluded to be the said Mrs. Newton; that they then plainly heard the aforesaid writing desk, which stood against the door of communication between the two rooms, moved, and the said door open, and they could then also plainly hear the said Isham Baggs get out of his bed, and pad across his room, towards the aforesaid door of communication, as if without shoes or stockings on; and before it was possible he could have had time to dress himself, or put his cloaths on, any further than perhaps a loose gown, which he used to wear as a powdering dress; and the deponent further saith, that after breakfast, which might be in about twenty minutes, or half an hour, the said Hannah Wilson used to go up stairs again, to attend the said Mrs. Newton, whom, as she hath often informed the deponent, she rarely, or never, found in her bed or bed-chamber, where she had left her, but in her aforesaid dressing-room, adjoining to the  
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faid Mr. Baggs's bed-chamber; and had never done any thing towards dressing herself, except putting on her shoes and stockings, an under petticoat, and a short loose bed gown, but with her neck and bosom quite bare and exposed; that, at such times, the aforesaid writing desk was removed from before the door of communication, between the two rooms, and the said door wide open, and the said Isham Baggs, in his own room, dressing himself; and the deponent, herself, used also frequently to go up to the said Mrs. Newton, soon after the said Hannah Wilson, in order to receive her directions for dinner, and at such times always found her in her aforesaid dressing-room, in the situation and dishabille above described, and sometimes even with her feet only slipped into her shoes, without stockings on, or perhaps putting on her stockings, and with the aforesaid writing desk removed, and the door between the two rooms wide open; and although she cannot say she, at any such times, saw the said Isham Baggs in his own room, yet she sometimes knew him to be there, by hearing him talk with the said Mrs. Newton from his own room, and well knowing his voice: and further to the  
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articles, or either of them, she cannot depose; save, that the aforesaid transactions, last mentioned, always happened in the absence of the aforesaid John Newton, Esquire, who was a very early riser, and generally up by about seven o'clock in the morning.

To the fourteenth article, the deponent saith, that one morning, about eight o'clock, in the month of September, 1777, as articulate, but the particular day she cannot now recollect, she sent up to offer her assistance to the said Catherine Newton in dressing, in the absence of her own maid, Hannah Wilson, who was that morning gone to Litchfield, to buy some mourning for the said Mrs. Newton; that she, at such time, found the said Catherine Newton in her aforesaid dressing-room, adjoining to the bed-chamber of the said Mr. Baggs, with only her shoes and stockings, shift, and under petticoat on, that the deponent is not quite certain whether she had not also a short bed gown on, but if she had it was quite loose and open before, for the deponent observed, that her neck and bosom were quite bare and exposed; that the aforesaid writing desk was then also removed, and the door between the two rooms was  
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wide open, and Mrs. Newton's dressing table, where she was then standing, and usually did stand to dress, was on a line with such door, and the dressing table in Mr. Baggs's room was in the same situation; so when they were each at their dressing tables, they could scarcely avoid seeing each other; that the deponent did not then see the said Mr. Baggs in his own room, as she only went just within the outward door of Mrs. Newton's said dressing-room, but well knows he was there, by reason that he then spoke to her, the deponent, from thence, and she answered him, and well knew his voice; that upon the deponent's asking the said Mrs. Newton if she should assist her in dressing, she told the deponent she did not want her, upon which she immediately withdrew, but returned again in a few minutes, being sent with a message from the aforesaid John Newton, Esq; to the said Catherine Newton, to know if she had any further commands to Litchfield: and the deponent further saith, that on trying to open the door of the said Mrs. Newton's dressing-room, which opened into the passage, she found she could not, it being locked or fastened on the inside, and the said Mrs. Newton then

then speaking from within the said room, asked who was there; whereupon the deponent told her, and delivered her message, to which she replied, she had no further commands, or to that effect; which answer the deponent immediately delivered to the servant, who was waiting for it on the stairs, and then went into her own room, under the said Mr. Baggs's; and the deponent saith, that from the sound of the said Mrs. Newton's voice, at that time, she appeared to the deponent to be at some distance from the door, which was fastened, and at which the deponent stood; but at what particular part of the said room she might then be, the deponent cannot take upon herself to say or judge; but the deponent hath frequently seen the bed in the said room much tumbled; that in a few minutes after the deponent returned into her own room, as aforesaid, she could plainly hear and distinguish the stepping of a person over her head, as coming out of the said room of Mrs. Newton's into the said Mr. Baggs's bed-chamber; and doth apprehend and verily believe, the person she then so heard, was the said Mr. Isham Baggs, and no other; and she could then also plainly hear the said door of communication between



tween the two rooms shut, and the afore-  
said writing desk shoved against it; and  
the deponent further saith, that on the  
return of the afore said Hannah Wilson  
from Litchfield, in the evening of that  
day, the deponent told her of the se-  
veral circumstances before mentioned, and  
added, she wondered what the said Mrs.  
Newton would imagine any servant must  
think on seeing such conduct, or to that  
effect; to which the said Hannah Wilson  
replied, she did not know what her mis-  
tress, meaning the said Mrs. Newton,  
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desty quite unnecessary, and would bring  
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used words and expressions to the same  
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derstood, and verily believes, that the  
said Mrs. Newton would bring herself, at  
last, to commit the act of adultery in  
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morning at breakfast, that she, herself,  
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but gave her no reason for her so doing : and further to the said article she cannot depose.

To the sixteenth article, the deponent says, she knows the articulate Thomas Cope, who was coachman to the said John Newton, Esq; did begin to attend the said Mrs. Newton in her rides, on occasion of the articulate Isaac Hatheway, the said Mrs. Newton's own servant, being ill, and she believes he might begin so to do about the month of June, or July, 1777, as articulate ; and although the said Isaac Hatheway very soon after recovered, yet the said Thomas Cope continued to attend the said Mrs. Newton where she went, and instead of the said Isaac Hatheway, which had ever been the case before ; and very soon after the said Thomas Cope so began to ride out with the said Mrs. Newton, the deponent hath often observed him to be very free and familiar, and even rude and impertinent to her to a great degree ; at which, so far from shewing any signs of anger or resentment, she appeared to be very well pleased therewith, and would talk and laugh with him in a very free and familiar way, and so as to give him encouragements to take further freedoms ; and the deponent

deponent hath seen him frequently riding close by her side, instead of behind her, and at such times she would pat his horse as they rode along : that she hath also seen the said Mrs. Newton with the said Thomas Cope in the stables and stable-yard, when he has been harnessing the chaise-horses to the chaise ; and she, at such times, talked and laughed with him in a very free and familiar way, and he would rudely shove himself by her, and jostle her on one side ; but further to the said articles she cannot speak of her own knowledge, but heard the said Thomas Cope say, that the said Mrs. Newton used to throw little stones at him, as he was driving her in the post-chaise.

To the seventeenth article, the deponent saith, that the said Mrs. Newton had two saddle horses kept for her own use, on one or other of which she used always to ride singly, till after the said Thomas Cope began to attend her, as before-mentioned ; but after that time she used generally to ride out behind the said Thomas Cope on one of the said coach-horses ; and the deponent well remembers, one moon-light night, she was walking a little way before the house, when she saw the said Mrs. Newton coming home from riding behind the said Tho-

mas Cope, and had her arm round his neck : and the deponent further saith, that a little way detached from the dwelling house, and on one side thereof, was the coachman's stable, and hayloft over it ; and on the same floor with the said hayloft was the gamekeeper's room, in which was a bed where he used to sleep, and a room wherein the gardener kept his seeds ; that there was also a stair-case ; and the door of the game-keeper's room opened opposite the top of the stairs ; that there was also a door to the gardener's room on the left hand of the stairs, and another to the aforesaid hayloft on the right ; and there was also a communication between the hayloft and the stable beneath it, by means of a hole cut in the floor of the hayloft, and a step ladder placed there ; that the said Mrs. Newton used very frequently to go to the said game-keeper's room to see a tame hare there, and after that to feed some puppies, which were kept on the landing-place at the top of the said stairs ; but whether she, at such time, used to meet the said Thomas Cope there, the deponent cannot say of her own knowledge, but hath heard so from James Ford, the postilion, one of her fellow witnesses in  
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this cause; and hath herself seen the said Thomas Cope follow her towards the said stables; and further to the said article she cannot depose.

To the eighteenth article the deponent cannot speak, save that she knows the said Mrs. Newton used often to go to the said game-keeper's room by herself, and also with the articulate Miss Amelia Viney; and save only that the said game-keeper used to keep his room door locked, and which the said Mrs. Newton used, at first, to open by means of a key, in the custody of the deponent, which she, two or three times, sent to the deponent for, as she supposes, for that use; but that the said game-keeper was afterwards obliged, as the deponent was informed, to leave his said room door open on account of a quarrel he had with the said Thomas Cope, who had threatened to have him turned away.

To the twentieth article the deponent saith, she hath known the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney frequently, during the months of July, August, and September, 1777, as articulate, to go by the servants hall when they were at dinner; and at such times the said Mrs. Newton would throw little stones against the windows,  
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which seemed to be as a signal to the said Thomas Cope; for that he would then, or a very few minutes after, go out, whether the dinner was over or not, and never staid to drink any ale, as he did at other times; but the deponent cannot say where the said Thomas Cope then went to, or whether he really went out after the said Mrs. Newton, though that appeared to the deponent, and the other servants, to be the case; and the deponent hath, at other times in the forenoon, seen the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney go towards the aforesaid stair-case where the puppies were kept, on the landing-place, and at such times hath seen the said Thomas Cope follow them there; that the said Miss Viney would return into the house by herself, in a short time, and ask the deponent for a bason to get some milk for the puppies; and upon the deponent's asking her, which she sometimes did, why, if she wanted milk for the puppies, she did not take some with her as she went by the dairy in her way to the said stair-case, she used to say Mrs. Newton would not suffer her, or to that effect; and the deponent hath also known the said Miss Viney sometimes return into the house a second time by herself, to enquire after  
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the bitch the said puppies belonged to; but further to the said articles she cannot depose.

To the twenty-first article the deponent saith, she thinks the birth-day of the said John Newton, Esq; is on the fifteenth day of August; and she knows that in or about the said month of August, 1777, the articulate Miss Harding was on a visit at the house of the said John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley aforesaid; and further to the said article she cannot depose of her own knowledge, but hath since heard the articulate Richard Simons, relate his seeing a circumstance relative to the said Miss Harding and the said Mrs. Newton, to the effect, or nearly to the effect articulate.

To the twenty-second, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth articles, the deponent saith, that in the beginning of the month of October, 1777, but the particular day she cannot set forth, the articulate Thomas Cope was discharged, without any previous warning, from his place, as coachman in the said Mr. Newton's family, by Mr. James Bird, the butler, as he informed the deponent he had orders from the said Mr. Newton for that purpose; and the articulate Isham Baggs was  
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also desired to quit the said Mr. Newton's house, and did quit the same on the same day; and the reasons for those steps being taken were, as the deponent apprehends and believes, that the said Mr. Newton had been informed of, or observed the conduct and behaviour of the said Mrs. Newton towards the said Thomas Cope and Isham Baggs; that in a few days afterwards, and about the nineteenth or twentieth of the said month of October, 1777, the said John Newton, Esq; and Catherine Newton his wife, set off from their seat at King's Bromley aforesaid, for France, accompanied by a Mr. Channock, a friend of the said Mr. Newton's; that the said Mrs. Newton appeared very chearful, and in great spirits, and much pleased with her intended journey; and on the morning she set off, whilst the deponent was attending her in dressing, she asked the deponent many questions concerning the manners and customs of the French: that the said Mr. Newton and Mr. Channock returned to King's Bromley aforesaid, in about six weeks, having then, as the deponent understood, left the said Mrs. Newton under the care of a Mr. Gicardot, a banker, at Paris, till she should be settled in a convent there;



there ; and further to the said articles, or any of them, she cannot depose.

*The same Witness on the Interrogatories  
aforesaid.*

To the first interrogatory the respondent answers, she was first applied to respecting what she knew respecting the conduct of the ministrants, by the producent in this cause, who then asked her what she had seen of Mrs. Newton's behaviour ; that she then informed him of her having seen the aforesaid Mr. Baggs take her up in his arms several times, and of having seen her with her arms round the said Thomas Cope's neck, and some other circumstances, but what particularly the respondent cannot now recollect ; that the producent then asked the respondent if she would take her oath as to the several facts she had so related to him, if she was examined upon her oath, to which she replied she could ; that in the month of July last, Mr. Charnock aforesaid called on the respondent at King's Bromley aforesaid, with a message from the producent, desiring her to come to

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town to relate what she knew to Mr. Gostling, his proctor in this cause, which she accordingly did ; and that she received the notice to attend now to be examined from James Bird, the producent's butler, who delivered the same, as he told her, by the orders of the producent ; that she hath not received, nor been promised, nor doth she expect to receive, any reward, gratuity, or present whatever, for attending to give her testimony in this cause.

To the second the respondent answers, that referring to her answer to the foregoing interrogatory, she hath not otherwise had any meeting or consultation whatever, with any person respecting what she should say or depose in this cause ; nor have any or either of her fellow witnesses that she knows of, or believes, had any meeting or consultation whatever relating thereto : that she hath been questioned by the interrogate Mr. John Charnock, respecting what she knew of the ministrant's conduct and behaviour, and answered his enquiries thereon ; but never had any consultation with him, in any shape, respecting the giving her evidence.

To the third interrogatory the respondent answers, that the producent and ministrant

nistrant generally had company at their house ; and one, two, or perhaps three young ladies at a time, visited there, and continued at the house some time together ; but the respondent does not believe that the ministrant ever rode double, in order to accommodate any of the said young ladies ; nor did ever know that they used to ride single and double by turns, for the sake of accommodating each.

To the fourth the respondent answers, that the ministrant, accompanied by Miss Viney, frequently went into the stable or hay-loft ; and, as she hath heard them both mention, to feed the puppies as interrogate ; but whether they so went there for any or what other purpose, the respondent cannot say of her own knowledge ; but hath heard and believes they frequently met the said Thomas Cope there, and knows that he used to follow them there.

To the fifth interrogatory the respondent answers, that the ministrant is, as she hath always understood and believes, the daughter of the interrogate Lord Francis Seymour, dean of Wells ; but in what manner she was brought up or educated, the respondent does not recollect ever to have heard.

To the sixth she answers, that the producent is turned either of sixty-one, or sixty-two years of age; that she doth not look upon him to be a person of a jealous or suspicious temper or disposition; nor doth she know, nor did she ever hear, that he ever shewed any jealousy of the ministrant soon after his marriage with her.

To the seventh interrogatory the respondent answers, that the ministrant is very lively, or rather flighty in her temper and disposition; but the respondent does not think that the producent, from any jealousy in his disposition, did form any unfavourable ideas of the chastity of the ministrant, on account of any good-natured or affable conduct of hers; at least he did not, in the respondent's opinion, shew, by his behaviour, he had formed any such unfavourable ideas of the ministrant, without any just cause of suspicion.

To the eighth interrogatory the respondent answers, she knows not, nor never heard, that the ministrant frequently shed tears on account of any unkind behaviour of the producent's towards her; nor did she ever hear that the ministrant's eyes swelled, or observed them so to be by her servants of a morning; or that she endeavoured



voured to conceal the true cause thereof, by saying, she had frightful dreams in the night, or any thing to that purpose or effect.

To the ninth interrogatory, the deponent answers, that the producent and ministrant went together from King's Bromley for London, on the 19th or 20th of October, 1777, to the best of her remembrance as to the time; and from thence, as the respondent hath heard and believes, set out together immediately for France, accompanied by the said John Charnock, and attended by the aforesaid Hannah Wilson, the ministrant's maid, and two footmen; that to the best of the respondent's recollection, she thinks she hath heard the said Hannah Wilson say, that the producent and ministrant did sleep in the same bed together on the road, in their way to Paris; but cannot be quite positive as to her having received such information.

The witness was admonished as directed.

E. BINDLOSE,

On

15th January, 1779.

On the allegation aforesaid, given by  
Gostling, jun.

*The Deposition of James Bird.*

JAMES BIRD, butler to John Newton, Esquire, at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford, aged thirty-two years, a witness, produced and sworn.

To the first, second, and third articles of the said allegation, the deponent saith, he hath lived as a servant in the family of John Newton, Esquire, the producent in this cause, ever since the year 1764, and is now in his said service, as a butler; that the said John Newton, Esquire, intermarried with the Honourable Catherine Newton, his present wife, the other party in this cause, on the sixth day of June, 1776, at the city of Wells articulate; that the said Mrs. Newton's maiden name was Seymour, and she was the daughter of the Right Honourable and Reverend Lord Francis Seymour, Dean of Wells; and immediately after their marriage they, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton, went to reside at a seat belonging

ing to the said Mr. Newton, at Spetisbury, in the county of Dorset; and were accompanied thither by the said Lord Francis Seymour and his Lady, Miss Frances Seymour, a sister of the said Mrs. Newton's, and a Miss Pratt of Wells; that the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton spent the summer at Spetisbury, aforesaid, and from thence went to a house belonging to the said Mr. Newton in the circus of Bath, and there resided till the 6th day of April, 1777, and removed from thence to the said Mr. Newton's family seat at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford, where they resided till the month of February following; and at both of the said places aforesaid, mentioned they, the said John Newton, and the Honourable Catherine Newton, formerly Seymour, constantly lived and cohabited together, as lawful husband and wife, and so were universally accounted, reputed and taken to be; and further to the said articles, or any of them, he cannot depose.

To the fourth, fifth, and sixth articles the deponent saith, he knows that the said Mrs. Newton, whilst at Bath, became acquainted with the articulate ——— Brett, who was a singer and player there, with whom, as the deponent believes, she

she never was acquainted before that time; and after the family removed, as aforesaid, to King's Bromley, and during their residence there, the deponent saw many instances of ill conduct and behaviour between the said Mrs. Newton and the articulate Isham Baggs and Thomas Cope; and verily believes the reasons for which the said Mr. Newton at length withdrew himself from cohabiting with his wife, were on account of the many instances of her ill conduct and behaviour, which he had observed, or been informed of, and of his being of opinion that she had been unfaithful to his bed; and the deponent further saith, he knows the said — Brett used very frequently to come to the said Mr. Newton's house at Bath, to sing or play the harpsichord, and was generally there on a Sunday, when there was always a concert, and a good deal of company; and at such times the said Mrs. Newton frequently sang, and the said ——— Brett accompanied her on the harpsichord; but the deponent knows not that he ever attended her professedly as a singing master; that the said Mrs. Newton, whilst at Bath, as aforesaid, also went most days to the riding house there, kept by one ——— Serrace, and, from report since,



since, he hath heard that she had a room, which she hired, near such riding school, for the purpose of the said — Brett's attending her there, to teach her to sing; and he further saith, it was very publickly and commonly talked of at Bath, that the said Mrs. Newton acted very imprudently with the said — Brett, by being very much in his company, and continually walking about with him, and admitting him to be much too free and familiar with her; she being a lady of high rank, and he only a singer and player on the stage there; and further to the said articles he cannot depose.

To the seventh article, the deponent saith, that the articulate Isaac Hatheway was a servant, who had been a footman in the said Mr. Newton's family upwards of two years, and upon his marriage with the said Mrs. Newton, was appointed to attend her as her footman; that during the first part of the time after the family went to reside at King's Bromley, as aforesaid, the deponent hath observed the said Isaac Hatheway and Mrs. Newton, on several occasions, laugh and smile at each other, as the deponent thought in much too free and familiar a way; and hath known her, the said Mrs. Newton, ring her bell,

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and upon his, the said Isaac Hatheway, attending her, she would tell him she did not want any thing, and laugh; and he would then laugh at her also; and the deponent also observed, that after the said Mrs. Newton began to be so free with the said Isaac Hatheway, he very much neglected his duty, as a servant in the house; and the deponent having threatened to complain to his master of such his neglect, Hannah Wilson, the said Mrs. Newton's maid, informed the deponent, that the said Mrs. Newton declared she would be revenged on any one in the family, who should be the cause of the said Isaac Hatheway being turned away, or to that effect; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the eighth article, the deponent saith, that Isham Baggs articulate, is a young man, whom the said John Newton, Esq; brought up and educated at his own expence from his infancy; and whom, as the deponent believes, he intended for the church, he, the said Isham Baggs, having been three or four years at the university of Oxford: that the said Isham Baggs came from Oxford to the house of the said John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley aforesaid, some time in the month

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of July, 1777, as articulate ; and very soon after he came there, it was observed, that he and the said Mrs. Newton began to be very free and familiar together ; and so continued to be, during all the time the said Mr. Baggs resided at King's Bromley aforesaid ; and the deponent, himself, hath seen many instances of indecent familiarities pass between them ; that after the said Mrs. Newton hath been just mounted on her horse to go riding, which she did most days when the weather permitted, she would call to the said Mr. Baggs, who generally rode with her, to come and pull her cloaths down ; and the deponent, on such occasions, hath seen the said Mr. Baggs put his hand and arm up under her petticoats as high as his elbow, and he thinks he once did hear the said Mrs. Newton tell the said Mr. Baggs to pull her shift down ; but cannot be quite positive to her making use of that expression ; that the deponent hath also frequently seen the said Mr. Baggs and Mrs. Newton toying and playing in the stalls of the stables, sometimes before they went out, and at others, after they came home from riding, and on such occasions hath seen the said Mr. Baggs standing with his back to the manger, and with his arms

folded close round her waist; that one part of the deponent's business in the house being up stairs, he scarcely ever saw any thing which passed between the said Mrs. Newton and Mr. Baggs there; but well remembers one forenoon, in the absence of the said Mrs. Newton, going into the spare room, which was then made use of by her as a dressing room, and there seeing the bed much tumbled and pressed flat, about three parts across the bed, as if it had been laid on, and the bed curtains drawn close on the side next the windows and round the foot; and this deponent also hath frequently heard the housekeeper and house-maids complain much of the beds being so much tumbled after they had been made in a morning, that they were obliged to be made again before night; and the deponent hath frequently heard the said Mr. Baggs, at different times in the day, romping and playing about up stairs with the said Mrs. Newton and some young ladies who were occasionally at the house on visits; but further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the tenth and eleventh articles, the deponent saith, that as he hath heard from the said Mrs. Newton's own maid, she,  
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the said Mrs. Newton, upon the family's first going to King's Bromley aforesaid, always dressed herself in her own bed chamber, where she, the said Mrs. Newton, constantly slept; and the deponent having sometimes gone up to let her know dinner was on the table, then always found her in her bed chamber; that very soon after the said Mr. Baggs came to King's Bromley, the said Mrs. Newton constantly made use of a room next adjoining to the said Mr. Baggs's bed chamber, as her dressing room; and the deponent, during that time, also going sometimes to let the said Mrs. Newton know dinner was on table, then always found her in her said dressing room, and not in her bed chamber as before; that a bed was put up in such dressing room, for the accommodation of any company who might come to the house, there being rather a want of bed rooms, on account of some buildings which were then about; and in the partition between the said room, and the said Mr. Baggs's bed chamber, was a door of communication; and in the said dressing room, was a writing table, or desk, which usually stood against such door of communication, and was removed thither, from

from a room below, upon the said Mrs. Newton's first making use of such room, as her dressing room; and the housekeeper, Mrs. Bindlose's sitting room, was immediately under the said Mr. Baggs's bed chamber; and this deponent further saith, that he, and the housekeeper, and Mrs. Newton's own maid, Hannah Wilson, always breakfasted together, in the summer time, at eight o'clock in the morning, in the said housekeeper's room; and, the deponent hath frequently known the said Hannah Wilson go up immediately before breakfast, to see if Mrs. Newton chose then to get up, and believes it was her constant practice so to do; that she always came down again directly, and would then say, that her mistress had ordered her to go down, and get her breakfast first, and then come up to her again, and she would then get up; that immediately, or very soon after the said Hannah Wilson so came down again, and whilst she, and the deponent, and the said Mrs. Bindlose, the housekeeper, were at breakfast together, the deponent hath heard the said Mr. Baggs get out of bed, and walk across his room, as if without his shoes; and the said Hannah Wilson, and Mrs. Bind-

Bindlose, would then nod and wink at one another, and look up to the ceiling, and say to each other, there they are, or to that effect: but the deponent cannot take upon himself to say he could distinguish that the said Mr. Baggs, at such times, walked to the said door of communication between the two rooms; or that he could hear the aforesaid writing desk move, or the door of communication opened, by reason that the place where he usually sat at breakfast, was not immediately under that side of the said Mr. Baggs's bed chamber, next to the said door of communication, but at about five yards distance from under the said door; and the deponent hath often heard the said Mrs. Bindlose say, that the said Hannah Wilson informed her, that upon her going again to the said Mrs. Newton, after breakfast, which might be in about twenty minutes, or half an hour, she always found her in her said dressing room, no further dressed, than in her shift, and under petticoat; and upon her, the said Mrs. Bindlose, asking the said Hannah Wilson, if the said door of communication was open, she would reply, "as usual," by which it

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was understood, that the said door was open, as the deponent apprehends; and the said Mrs. Bindlose hath further informed the deponent, that she, herself, hath frequently went up to the said Mrs. Newton, soon after breakfast, to receive her directions about dinner, and then also some times found her in her said dressing room only in her shift and under petticoat; and that the said door of communication was then always open, and the said Mr. Baggs in his bed chamber; and further to the said articles he cannot depose, save, that the several circumstances last before-mentioned happened during the months of July, August, and September, 1777, as articulate.

To the twelfth article, the deponent saith, that after the shooting season began in the month of September, 1777, as articulate, he hath, on his return from shooting, as he came within about a hundred yards of the house of the said Mrs. Newton, seen the said Mr. Baggs and Mrs. Newton together, in the said Mrs. Newton's dressing room, near the windows, fronting the road, leading to the house; that on such occasion, the said Mrs. Newton was sometimes only in her bed gown, and with her hair  
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about her ears ; and when the said Mr. Baggs saw this deponent coming towards the house, as he supposes, he stooped down, and in that manner passed out of the said dressing room into his own bed-chamber, but did not stoop so low but the deponent could see his back as he passed along ; and when he had got into his own room he would come to the window and throw up the sash, and asked the deponent what sport he had, or to that effect : and this deponent further saith, that he usually, about that time, went in a morning to the said Mr. Baggs's bed chamber, to ask him if he chose to go out a shooting, or to tie up his hair, or on some errand or other of that sort ; and that one morning, about the middle of the said month of September, he went up and into the said Mr. Baggs's bed-chamber, in that way as usual, when, as he imagines, he came upon him rather by surprise ; for that the said Mr. Baggs was then standing very near the aforesaid door of communication, and had only his shoes and stockings on, a pair of thin linen drawers, and a loose flannel powdering gown ; that such drawers were fastened at the waistband by a single button or two, and had a long slit before, where  
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he had no other covering than his shirt ; that the deponent then also saw the afore-said door of communication between the two rooms was wide open, and the said Mrs. Newton standing close to such door, and not above a yard, or a yard and half from the said Mr. Baggs, and with no other covering than her shift and under petticoat, and her neck and bosom quite bare and exposed ; and they the said Mrs. Newton and Mr. Baggs were at such time talking together ; that upon the deponent's entering Mr. Baggs's room, he immediately turned round, and spoke to the deponent, whereby he had an opportunity of seeing the particulars of his dress, as above described ; but what he then said to deponent, he cannot now recollect, but the deponent directly retired and went down stairs again : and whenever he went up to the said Mr. Baggs's bed-chamber in a morning, after that circumstance, which frequently he did, he generally found his door fastened, so that he could not get in, unless the said Mr. Baggs chose to let him in, which had never been the case before ; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the fourteenth article the deponent saith, he knows that the articulate Hannah

hah Wilson did go one morning in the said month of September, 1777, to Litchfield, to buy some mourning for the said Mrs. Newton, as articulate; and that whenever the said Hannah Wilson happened to be absent, the articulate Mrs. Bindlose always went up to the said Mrs. Newton in a morning, to assist her in getting up and dressing, and did so that morning, and the deponent also that morning sent her up a second time with a message to the said Mrs. Newton, from the aforesaid John Newton, Esquire, her husband, to know if she had any further commands from Litchfield; and the deponent further saith, that within half an hour, or an hour afterwards, and the very next time the deponent saw the said Mrs. Elizabeth Bindlose, on that day she informed the deponent, that on her first going up that morning to offer to assist the said Mrs. Newton in dressing, she found her in her aforesaid dressing-room, with only her under petticoat and shift on, and the aforesaid door of communication between the two rooms was wide open, and the said Mr. Isham Baggs was in his own bed-chamber; that upon her going up a second time with the aforesaid message,

she found the said Mrs. Newton's dressing-room door opening into the passage locked or fastened, so that she could not get in, and the said Mrs. Newton then spoke to her from within the said dressing-room, and by the sound of her voice appeared to be at some distance from the door at which she was standing, or she, the said Elizabeth Bindlose, then made use of expressions to the very same purport and effect, and conveying the same meaning; and then added she hoped God would forgive her if she judged wrongly of her mistress, but she could not help thinking she was guilty, or to that effect; and thereby meant, as the deponent understood and believes, that she thought the said Mrs. Newton was guilty of a criminal and adulterous intercourse with the aforesaid Mr. Isham Baggs; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the sixteenth article the deponent saith, that in the month of May, 1777, the articulate Thomas Cope came to live as coachman to the said John Newton, Esquire, at King's Bromley aforesaid; and in the month of June, the said Thomas Cope, and the articulate Isaac Hatheway, the said Mrs. Newton's footman, were  
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taken ill of a putrid sore throat, but the said Thomas Cope, recovering first, began to attend the said Mrs. Newton in riding out, which she often did, both in the morning and afternoon; and although the said Isaac Hatheway soon after recovered also, and was able to attend her as before, yet the said Mrs. Newton would generally have the said Thomas Cope to attend her in riding out in his stead; on which account the deponent hath known the said Thomas Cope and Isaac Hatheway to have quarrels and differences together; and soon after they the said Mrs. Newton and Thomas Cope so began to ride out together, the deponent hath been told by many people, who have seen them upon the road, that the said Thomas Cope hath been often seen to ride close by the side of the said Mrs. Newton, and to lay his hand in her lap, and to kiss her; that the said Mrs. Newton used also very frequently to go into the coachman's stable, and there, as the deponent hath been told, taken many great and unbecoming liberties with the said Thomas Cope; and the deponent hath also been told, that the said Mrs. Newton once threw her handkerchief at the said Thomas Cope, as he was driving her and Miss Harding to Foston, as articulate

ticulate, in the chaise; and upon his re<sup>a</sup> turning it to her, she took an opportunity of dropping a note in the boot of the chaise, to signify to him that he was a foolish blockhead not to accept a lady's favours, or to that effect; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the seventeenth article the deponent saith, that after the said Thomas Cope began to attend the said Mrs. Newton in riding out, as before mentioned, she used frequently to ride out behind the said Thomas Cope, on one of the coach horses, although she had never used to ride double before, and although there were two saddle horses for her riding, and one mare in particular, which she never suffered any body else to ride, except now and then the aforesaid Mr. Baggs, or Miss Harding; that the deponent cannot say he ever saw the said Mrs. Newton at such times with her arm round the said Thomas Cope's neck, or her hand in his bosom, as the deponent never did ride out with them; but he hath often been informed she did so by the articulate James Ford, the servant who generally attended them when on horseback; and hath also been told by the aforesaid Mrs. Bindlose, that she once saw the said Mrs. Newton

on horseback, behind Thomas Cope, with her arm round his neck : and the deponent further saith, that the coachman's stable is detached from the house about forty or fifty yards, and hath a hayloft over it, and on the same floor with the hayloft is the game-keeper's room, in which he has a bed, and a room wherein the gardener keeps his seeds ; that there is a staircase up to the said hayloft and rooms, and on the landing place at the top of the stairs fronting is a door into the hayloft ; on the left hand is the door into the game-keeper's room, and beyond that, is the way into the gardener's room ; and there is also a communication between the hayloft and the coachman's stable, by a hole cut in the floor of the hayloft, and a step ladder fixed in the stable to climb up to it ; and the deponent saith he hath frequently seen the said Mrs. Newton, both in the morning and afternoon, go into the said coachman's stable, and up the said stairs into the game-keeper's room, sometimes by herself, and sometimes with a Miss Viney or a Miss Harding, young ladies who were at the house ; and the deponent hath also frequently seen the said Thomas Cope follow the said Mrs. Newton, whether alone or with company, into the  
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saïd stable, and up the saïd stair-case into the saïd game-keeper's room, and hath heard them talking and laughing together very loud; and the deponent hath been informed, by the aforesaid James Ford, that he hath frequently saw the saïd Cope go out of his stable into the hayloft by the aforesaid ladder, to meet the saïd Mrs. Newton in the saïd hayloft or game-keeper's room; and if he happened to go up stairs at such time, the saïd Thomas Cope always sent him away; and further to the saïd article he cannot depose.

To the eighteenth article the deponent saith, that the saïd Mrs. Newton, accompanied by the saïd Miss Viney, frequently did go up the stair-case leading to the saïd game-keeper's room, as before mentioned, the door of which the game-keeper had always used to keep locked; but that he afterwards left the same open; and his reason for so doing was, as he informed the deponent, that the saïd Thomas Cope insisted upon it he would have the liberty of going into such room; and the deponent afterwards heard the saïd Thomas Cope threatened the saïd game-keeper, that if he did not leave his saïd  
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room door open he would have him turned away; but further to the said article the deponent cannot speak of his own knowledge.

To the nineteenth article the deponent saith, he well remembers that one day, in the month of July, 1777, he was passing along the stable yard, close by the coachman's stable, when he heard the said Mrs. Newton, Miss Viney, and Thomas Cope talking and laughing together pretty loud in the hayloft over the said stable, and could plainly hear and distinguish each of their voices; that about the same time a servant on horse-back came into the yard from Mr. Curzon's as articulate, with a tambour frame, and a note for the said Mrs. Newton; which the deponent took of him, and went up by the aforesaid stair-case, to deliver to the said Mrs. Newton; that upon his entering the hayloft by the door at the top of the stairs, he found the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney sitting near each other upon the hay, at the further end of the loft, with their cloaths spread out as wide as they could extend them; that the deponent went up to Mrs. Newton and delivered the note, and waited till she had read it, and directed him to carry the frame into the house, and said she would come in and

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answer the note ; and the deponent saith he did not, at such time, see the said Thomas Cope in the said loft, and did not look narrowly for him, supposing he had slipped down through the hole into the stable, whilst the deponent was going up the stair-case ; but doth now verily believe he then was there, and lay concealed in the hay behind the said Miss Viney and Mrs. Newton, by reason that he found afterwards, upon enquiry, of the aforesaid James Ford and another lad, who were in the coachman's stable at the time the deponent, so as aforesaid, went up with the note and tambour frame, that he, the said Thomas Cope, had not come down into the stable through the aforesaid hole ; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the 20th article the deponent saith, that the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney used to go up to the landing place near the game-keeper's room, as they said, to feed some puppies which were there ; and they used also frequently to pass by the room where the servants were dining ; and the said Mrs. Newton would sometimes, in passing by, throw some little pebbles against the windows, whereupon the said Thomas Cope would get up and go out after them ; but whether they, at such  
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times, went on the above mentioned errand; or where they went to, the deponent cannot say; but the deponent, and the other servants observed, that after the above practice was begun, the said Thomas Cope would contrive to sit at the bottom of the table; on the outside next the door, although he always before used to sit on the inside near the top of the table; and would always go out after them without staying to drink his ale, as he had used to do after dinner, and sometimes even without staying to finish his dinner; but further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the twenty-first article the deponent saith, that he knows the birth-day of the said John Newton, Esq; is on the 15th day of August, and that the servants in the family always make merry a little on that occasion, and did so on the 15th day of August, 1777, as articulate; at which time the articulate Miss Arden was on a visit at Mr. Newton's; and the deponent very well remembers the articulate Richard Simmons, who is Mr. Newton's gardener, did, in the evening of the said day, inform the deponent, he had that day seen the said Mrs. Newton and Thomas Cope up in the game-keeper's room

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together; that he thought the said Thomas Cope was a very dangerous fellow in the family, and if ever he should happen to catch the said Mrs. Newton and Thomas Cope in the act of adultery together, he would inform the deponent of it; or he then expressed himself to the deponent in words to the very same purport and effect; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the twenty-second article the deponent saith, that in the beginning of the month of October, in the said year 1777, he, himself, did discharge the articulate Thomas Cope from his place in Mr. Newton's family at a minute's warning, by the order and direction of the said John Newton, Esq; and did also, at the same time, deliver a message to the articulate Mr. Isham Baggs, from the said John Newton, Esq; signifying his desire that the said Mr. Baggs should instantly quit his house and return to Oxford, which he did accordingly on the same morning; and the deponent does apprehend, and verily believes, that the reason for the said Mr. Newton giving those orders, was, his having been informed of the ill conduct of the said Mrs. Newton, his wife, the said Mr. Isham Baggs, and  
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Thomas Cope ; and the deponent understood, and believes, that the said Mr. Newton, on the same evening, informing the said Mrs. Newton he was made acquainted with her past conduct, she thereupon made it her request to him to be placed as a boarder in a convent in France; and the deponent heard the said Mrs. Newton, in a day or two afterwards, as he was waiting at table, talking of what convent she should like best to be placed in ; that accordingly the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton left King's Bromley aforesaid, in the course of a few days afterwards, in order to go to London, and from thence to proceed to Paris ; from whence the said Mr. Newton returned in about five or six weeks, without Mrs. Newton, having then, as the deponent heard and believes, left her in the care of a Mr. Girardot, a banker at Paris, who was to assist her in getting into a convent, and to pay her an hundred pounds immediately, and the further sum of an hundred pounds every quarter during her stay there, by the said Mr. Newton's directions ; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

JAMES BIRD.

*The same Witness on the Interrogatories  
aforesaid.*

To the first interrogatory the respondent answers, he comes to be examined as a witness in this cause, at the request of John Newton, Esq; the producent, who himself first applied to the respondent for that purpose, and told him he was to come up to London to speak what he knew of the ministrant's conduct and behaviour; and that he was to speak the truth, and nothing but the truth; to which the respondent replied, he would speak nothing but the truth; and the producent thereupon answered, he knew he would not, or to that effect: that he hath not received, or been promised, nor doth he expect to receive, any fee, reward, or gratuity whatever, for attending to give his testimony in this cause; but the producent is to pay his travelling expences.

To the second interrogatory he answers, he hath not, nor have any or either of his fellow witnesses, to his knowledge or belief, had any meeting or consultation whatever with any person, respecting the evidence

evidence he or they were to give in this cause, save that in July last, as he thinks, he and his fellow witness, Elizabeth Bindlose, attended at the office of Mr. Gostling's, the producent's proctor in this cause, and related to him the substance of the evidence he hath given at this time; but did not then, or since, receive any instructions or directions whatever from him, respecting the purport or manner of giving his evidence; and save also, that a short time before he attended Mr. Gostling, as aforesaid, the interrogate Mr. John Charnock told him that the ministrant had commenced a suit against the producent, or to that effect; and directed him to take down in writing what he, and the other servants in the family, had seen exceptionable in the conduct and behaviour of the ministrant; and the respondent accordingly did write down the substance of the evidence he could give, and of what the said Elizabeth Bindlose, and James Ford, and Richard Simmons, three other of his fellow witnesses in this cause, could say; and delivered such writing to the said Mr. Charnock and Richard Redfern, another witness in this cause. He also wrote down the substance of his own evidence, and delivered

livered it to the respondent; and he (as he thinks) delivered that writing also to the said Mr. Charnock.

To the third interrogatory the respondent answers, that the producent and ministrant had frequently company at their house, and generally two, and sometimes three young ladies there on visits at a time; but the respondent doth not believe that the ministrant did ever ride double, merely with an intention of accommodating the young ladies in the house with horses; nor that the ministrant and the said young ladies frequently rode double and single, by turns, for the sake of accommodating each other.

To the fourth interrogatory the respondent answers, the ministrant, accompanied by Miss Viney, frequently did go into the stable and hayloft, as interrogate; and, as they sometimes said, to feed some puppies there; but the respondent doth not believe they always went there for that purpose only, by reason he thinks it had all the appearance of their often going there to meet the aforesaid Thomas Cope; but whether for a criminal purpose or not, the respondent cannot take upon himself to answer.

To the fifth he answers, that the ministrant



nistrant is, as he hath always heard and understood, the daughter of the interrogate Lord Frances Seymour, Dean of Wells; but never heard in what manner she was brought up or educated.

To the sixth interrogatory the respondent answers, that the producent, John Newton, Esquire, is, to the best of his knowledge, in the sixty-second year of his age; but the respondent doth not look upon him to be a person of a jealous or suspicious temper or disposition; and doth not believe, and never heard, that soon after his marriage with the ministrant he shewed any jealousy in his conduct towards her.

To the seventh interrogatory the respondent answers, that the ministrant is of a very lively temper and disposition; but the respondent doth not think that the producent did, from any jealousy in his disposition, form unfavourable ideas of the chastity of the ministrant, on account of her good nature and affable conduct to every body, and without just cause of suspicion.

To the eighth the respondent answers, he never knew or heard of the ministrant's shedding tears, on account of any unkind behaviour of the producent towards her;

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and cannot recollect ever to have heard any thing further to the purport interrogated.

To the ninth interrogatory, the respondent answers, that, as he hath heard and verily believes, the said producent and ministrant did go together to France from London, but cannot speak to the time, any further than he apprehends it was not long after the month of October, 1777; that they were accompanied thither, as the deponent hath heard and believes, by the aforesaid Mr. John Charnock, and attended by Hannah Wilson, the ministrant's maid, a man servant of the producent's, and another of the said Mr. Charnock's: but the respondent never heard whether the producent and ministrant did, or did not, sleep in the same bed together, on the road in their way to Paris.

The witness was admonished as directed.

JAMES BIRD.

On

21<sup>st</sup> January 1779.

On the allegation aforesaid, given by  
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*The Deposition of James Ford.*

JAMES FORD, at present postillion to John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford, aged about nineteen years, a witness, produced and sworn.

To the third, fourth, and fifth articles of the said allegation this deponent saith, that he went to live as postillion in the family of the articulate John Newton, Esq; the producent in this cause, in the month of July, 1776, and is still in his service; and the deponent thereby first came personally to know the said John Newton, Esq; and also the Honourable Catherine Newton, his wife, the other party in this cause; to whom, as the deponent then understood, he had then been lately married, and with whom he then resided at his house at Spetisbury, in the county of Dorset; that the said John Newton, Esq; and Catherine Newton, his wife, and their family, continued to

reside at Spetisbury aforesaid, till the Christmas, 1776, when they removed to a house belonging to the said Mr. Newton, in the Circus in Bath, and there resided for about three months, as nearly as the deponent can now recollect the time; and from thence removed to the seat of the said John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford; and there the said John Newton, Esq; and Catherine Newton, his wife, lived and resided together till about the month of October following, as the deponent best recollects; and from thence set off together, as the deponent hath heard, for France: and the deponent further saith, that during all the time they, the said John Newton, Esq; and Catherine Newton, lived and cohabited together, as before mentioned, they constantly owned and acknowledged each other as lawful husband and wife, and so were universally reputed and taken to be; and he, the said John Newton, so far as the deponent ever saw or heard, always behaved to the said Catherine Newton with the greatest tenderness and affection, nor did the deponent ever hear of any thing amiss of his behaviour towards her; and the reason why the said John Newton withdrew



drew himself from cohabiting with the said Catherine Newton, his wife, was, as the deponent hath heard and very believes, on account of his having been informed of her ill conduct and behaviour with other men, and of being of opinion that she had been guilty of the crime of adultery; and during the summer, they, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton, so resided at King's Bromley, as before mentioned, the deponent himself saw several instances of great freedom and familiarities between the said Mrs. Newton, and the articulate Isham Baggs and Thomas Cope; and further to the said articles, or any of them, he cannot depose, save as will be herein after more particularly set forth.

To the eighth article the deponent saith, he first saw and came to know the articulate Isham Baggs, by his coming to the house of the said John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley aforesaid, about the latter end of the month of June 1777; and the deponent understood he was then come from college at Oxford; and heard in the family there was a young gentleman that the said Mr. Newton had brought up and educated: that the said Mr. Isham Baggs continued at the house of the said Mr. Newton till within a few days before  
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the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton, themselves, left King's Bromley; and during that period, the deponent saw and observed the said Mr. Baggs and Mrs. Newton to be very free and familiar together in several instances, particularly that whenever they walked out together, they always walked arm and arm, and when they rode out together on horseback, which they did almost every day, the deponent hath seen the said Mr. Baggs go to the said Mrs. Newton, after she was mounted, to settle her cloaths for her; and upon one of those occasions, the deponent observed the said Mr. Baggs put his arm so high up under the said Mrs. Newton's petticoats, that he himself could see his hand as high as her knee, although he then was, as he thinks, about twenty yards distance; but how much higher the said Mr. Baggs might put his hand, the deponent cannot take upon himself to say; that the said Mrs. Newton did not appear the least offended with the said Mr. Baggs for taking such liberty with her, but on the contrary laughed and appeared to be quite in good humour, nor did the deponent ever see her shew the least anger at any liberties the said Mr. Baggs took with her: that the deponent

ponent also once saw the said Mrs. Newton with her shoes and stockings off before the said Mr. Baggs; at another time, with only her under petticoat and shift on, and at another time lying on the bed in the game-keeper's room, with Thomas Cope, the coachman, and a Miss Viney, a young lady who had come with the said Mrs. Newton from Bath; and the said Mr. Baggs, was then sitting on the side of the bed; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the tenth, eleventh, and thirteenth articles, the deponent saith he knows that the room which the said Mrs. Newton generally made use of as a dressing room, was adjoining to the said Mr. Isham Baggs's bed-chamber, and a door opened from one room into the other; but when the said Mrs. Newton first began to make use of such room for her dressing-room, he knows not: and the deponent well remembers, that one day about two o'clock, in the course of the month of September 1777, as articulate, one of the housemaids came into the stable to the deponent, and told him his mistress wanted him up in Mr. Baggs's room; that upon the deponent's going up accordingly, he found the said Mr. Baggs in his bed-chamber,

chamber, and the said Mrs. Newton with him, and the door into the aforesaid dressing-room wide open; that the said Mrs. Newton then directed the deponent to tie up the said Mr. Baggs's hair; but the deponent not knowing how to go about it, the said Mrs. Newton, who was standing by all the time, shewed him; and as soon as the deponent had tied up the said Mr. Baggs's hair, as well as he could, he came out of the room again, and left the said Mr. Baggs and Mrs. Newton together; and she the said Mrs. Newton was at such time no further dressed than to her shift and under petticoat, and her neck and breasts were quite bare and exposed; and the deponent further saith, that upon his returning into the stable, and telling Thomas Cope, the coachman, what he had been about, the said Thomas Cope answered, he could have told the deponent what he had been sent to for, for that he himself had been sent to for the same purpose the day before, or to that effect; and further to the said article, or any of them, he cannot depose.

To the fifteenth article the deponent saith, that one afternoon, about four or five o'clock, and as he believes it might be



be in the month of September, as articulate, but he cannot be positive as to the month, he the deponent attended the said Mr. Isham Baggs and Mrs. Newton to fish in the river Trent, at about a quarter of a mile from the house; that as soon as they had put their lines into the water, they directed the deponent to stand by them and watch them; and they then went on about ten yards from where the deponent stood, and sat down together on the bank of the river; that the said Mrs. Newton then took off her shoes and stockings, and the said Mr. Isham Baggs assisted her in washing her feet and legs in the river, and rubbed her legs with his hands, as the deponent plainly saw; and the said Mrs. Newton had then her petticoats up so high, that the deponent, from where he stood, could, and did, plainly see her thighs bare half way up, and hath no doubt but the said Mr. Baggs saw them too; and might have seen them higher than the deponent did, or could, if he had been minded: that after the said Mrs. Newton had finished washing her legs, as beforementioned, she and the said Mr. Baggs just returned to where the deponent was, and then went back immediately to the house again,

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without staying to fish at all ; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the sixteenth article the deponent saith, he knows the articulate Thomas Cope, who was coachman to the said John Newton, Esq; frequently attended the said Mrs. Newton in riding out on horseback, in the summer and autumn of the year 1777 ; but in what month, or on what particular occasions he began so to do, the deponent cannot now recollect or set forth ; that the deponent also attended them once or twice upon those occasions, when the said Thomas Cope used to ride close by the side of the said Mrs. Newton, and now and then lay his hand on her knee as they were riding along ; and the deponent also heard from many different people about the country, who had seen the said Thomas Cope and Mrs. Newton riding out together at different times, that the said Thomas Cope constantly rode close by the side of the said Mrs. Newton, and frequently laid his hand on her knee, or into her lap, as they rode along ; and the deponent further saith, he hath very frequently been in the coachman's stable when the said Mrs. Newton hath come in there, and at such times hath seen her go into the stalls and pat the horses,  
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and the said Thomas Cope at the same time, and go on the other side of the horse, when the said Mrs. Newton would reach her hand out to him, and take hold of his hand under the horse's neck, and squeeze it; that at other times, when the said Thomas Cope happened to be lying on the corn binn, the deponent hath seen the said Mrs. Newton come in, and once saw her lay her hand upon his thigh, and at several other times, take out her handkerchief and throw it at him; which he would sometimes keep, and sometimes return to her: and the deponent well remembers, that he and the said Thomas Cope did once drive the said Mrs. Newton, and a Miss Arden, a young lady then at the said Mrs. Newton's on a visit, in the post-chaise and four to Foston, as articulate; that the said Mrs. Newton, before she got into the chaise, picked up a parcel of little stones in the court-yard, which she threw at the said Thomas Cope as they were going along; and after she had thrown all the stones away, she tied up her handkerchief in a knot and threw it at him, and he caught it, and delivered it to Isaac Hatheway, the man, who attended upon horseback, to return to her; that before they reached

Foston, aforesaid, a shower of rain coming on, the deponent and the said Thomas Cope dismounted, in order to get their great coats out of the boot of the chaise, and, whilst they were so doing, the said Mrs. Newton dropped a bit of paper into the boot, which the said Thomas Cope immediately took up and put into his pocket; that whilst they were at Foston aforesaid, the said Thomas Cope produced the said bit of paper, and not being able to read the contents thereof himself, delivered it to the said Isaac Hatheway, who read it to him and the deponent, and the contents thereof, to the best of the deponent's present recollection, were, "What a stupid foolish fellow you are to return the handkerchief, and not accept a lady's favor:" that whilst they waited at Foston aforesaid, the said Thomas Cope got some horse-beans, which he kept throwing into the chaise at the said Mrs. Newton on their return home afterwards, and as often as she caught them she threw them back at him again; and the deponent remembers that the said evening, after their return from King's Bromley, the aforesaid note was produced again by the said Thomas Cope in the servant's hall, and read by, or in the presence



sence of Richard Redfern, the game-keeper, Richard Simmons, the gardener, and the deponent, and the said Isaac Hatheway; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the seventeenth article the deponent saith, that after the said Thomas Cope begun to attend the said Mrs. Newton in riding out, she began to ride double, and afterwards frequently did so behind him the said Thomas Cope, although the deponent had never known her to ride double before, and although there were then three horses in the stable which she had used to ride singly by turns, and one mare in particular which she never suffered any body else to ride; that the deponent once attended the said Mrs. Newton when she so rode out double with the said Thomas Cope, and sometimes followed them, and sometimes, by the direction of the said Mrs. Newton, rode on before; that the deponent then saw the said Mrs. Newton with her arm round the said Thomas Cope's neck, and her hand in his bosom next his skin, tickling him; and so kept her hand in his bosom for some time together, and tickled him so as to oblige him to laugh and lean forward; and the deponent further saith, that after returning

ing from riding, the said Mrs. Newton frequently went up to the game-keeper's room, in which there was a bed, in order to see a tame hare that was kept there, and after that to see some puppies which were kept on the landing place near the room door; that the said room was about thirty or forty yards distance from the dwelling house, and situate on one side thereof, and was on the same floor with the room wherein the gardener kept his seeds, and the hayloft over the coachman's stable, and there were also some other rooms on the same floor further on; that the way up to the game-keeper's room was by a stair-case which came into a kind of dog kennel adjoining to the coachman's stable; and on the landing place at the top of the stairs, there was a door fronting, which opened into the hayloft; and the door into the gamekeeper's room was on the left hand side opposite the stairs, and the gardener's still further beyond the game-keeper's; and there was also a communication between the said hayloft and the stable beneath, by a hole cut in the floor of the loft, and a ladder placed in the stable under it; and the deponent further saith, that when the said Mrs. Newton so went up into the game-keeper's

keeper's room, she always went up the said stair-case; and the deponent, at such times, frequently saw the said Thomas Cope go to her, by going up into the loft over the stable through the hole, and so out by the door of the loft, which opened at the landing place at the top of the stairs; and the deponent remembers once being in the said game-keeper's room with the said Thomas Cope, when the said Mrs. Newton, accompanied by the aforesaid Miss Viney, came up the said stair-case, on pretence of seeing the puppies then lying there; and the said Thomas Cope thereupon immediately ordered the deponent to go down stairs, which he accordingly did; but went up again into the hayloft through the hole from the stable, and stood behind the door of the hayloft, and then and there heard the said Mrs. Newton bid the said Miss Viney go and fetch some milk for the puppies, which she did; leaving the said Mrs. Newton and Thomas Cope together upon the stairs, and on her returning with some milk, which was in about five or six minutes, the said Mrs. Newton sent her away again to look for the bitch the puppies belonged to, on which second errand the said Miss Viney might be gone, as the deponent supposes,  
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about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, leaving the said Thomas Cope and Mrs. Newton again together; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the eighteenth and nineteenth articles the deponent saith, he never saw the said Mrs. Newton with the said Thomas Cope in the hayloft over the coachman's stable, except once, which might be about the latter end of July 1777, to the best of his present recollection; that he well remembers on that occasion he was in the stable with the said Thomas Cope, when the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney went up the said stair-case; that the deponent shortly after went out of the stable, leaving the said Thomas Cope there, and returned again in a few minutes with John Pope the groom, and the aforesaid Isaac Hatheway; that the said Thomas Cope was not then in the said stable, but they then hearing a noise and some voices in the hayloft over head, the deponent, and the said John Pope, and Isaac Hatheway went by turns up the said ladder in the stable, and looked through the hole into the hayloft, where the deponent plainly saw the said Thomas Cope, and Mrs. Newton, and Miss Viney, rolling and tumbling together in the hay, and



and all laughing very much; they so continued together in the said hayloft, sometimes rolling and tumbling about, and sometimes lying side by side on the hay for half an hour; when a servant came into the yard on horseback, with a note and a frame of some sort for the said Mrs. Newton, which he delivered to the articulate James Bird, the butler, who was then in the yard, and who carried the same up to the said Mrs. Newton in the hayloft, by way of the stair-case; and on his coming down again he asked the deponent, who was then out in the yard, if the said Thomas Cope was not in the said hayloft, to which the deponent replied that he was; that the deponent directly returned into the stable again, and then saw the said Thomas Cope come down out of the hayloft through the hole into the stable; and he then declared to the deponent, that if he could have got the said Miss Viney out of the way, he would have kissed his mistress, meaning the said Mrs. Newton, as the deponent supposes; and further to the said articles, or either of them he cannot depose.

To the twentieth article the deponent saith, he hath known the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney frequently to go by  
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the servant's hall together, when the servants were at dinner ; and the said Thomas Cope, upon seeing them, would immediately get up and go after them, whether he had finished his dinner or not ; and the deponent well remembers his doing so once without staying to eat any dinner at all ; and the deponent generally going out into the yard or stables as soon as he had dined, often found the said Thomas Cope and Mrs. Newton together on the top of the aforesaid stair-case with the puppies ; and the deponent being in the coachman's stable, or in the hayloft over it, hath frequently heard the said Mrs. Newton direct the said Miss Viney to go in for some milk for the puppies ; and on her return therewith, hath heard her send her again for the bitch the puppies belonged to, and on each of the said errands, Miss Viney might be gone sometimes ten minutes, sometimes a quarter of an hour, as the deponent thinks ; and at such times leaving the said Thomas Cope and Mrs. Newton together by the puppies, and sometimes they sat down together on the top of the stairs ; but further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the twenty-first article he saith, he  
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cannot depose, being quite a stranger to the fact therein related.

To the twenty-second article the deponent saith, he knows the articulate Thomas Cope was turned away at a minute's warning, upon account, as the deponent hath heard, of his having been too free and familiar with the said Mrs. Newton; and the articulate Mr. Isham Baggs also left King's Bromley the same day (the deponent having driven him in the chaise to Litchfield) and, as the deponent hath heard, on the same account; that the same happened some time in the month of October 1777, but the particular day he cannot now set forth; but he well remembers, that in the morning before the said Thomas Cope went away, he saw the said Mrs. Newton standing at her dressing room window, which was within sight of the coachman's stable, where the deponent then was; and she, at such time, appeared to be crying, and looking towards the said Thomas Cope, who was then standing at the door of his stable, and pretended to be crying also, but did not actually cry: that in a few days after the said Thomas Cope was discharged, as aforesaid, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton set off from King's Bromley the same day,

accompanied by a Mr. Charnock, and, as the deponent hath since heard, went together to France; but what became of the said Mrs. Newton after that, the deponent knows not, nor ever heard; but saith, that the said Mr. Newton and Mr. Charnock returned to King's Bromley again in about a month, without her: and further to the said article he cannot depose.

The mark of ✕ JAMES FORD.

*The same Witness on the Interrogatories  
aforesaid.*

To the first interrogatory the respondent answers, he comes to be examined as a witness, at the request of the producent, and was first applied to, to know what he had seen respecting the behaviour of the ministrant, by a Mr. Charnock, a gentleman intimately acquainted with the producent; that the said Mr. Charnock, on that occasion, asked the respondent what he had seen of the ministrant's  
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behaviour towards the aforesaid Mr. Isham Baggs and Thomas Cope; and the respondent then related to him the several circumstances he hath herein before deposed to, or the substance thereof; that he hath not received, been promised, nor doth he expect to receive any fee, reward, or gratuity whatever, for attending to give his testimony in this cause.

To the second interrogatory the respondent answers, that, referring to his answer to the preceding interrogatory, he doth upon his oath say, he hath not otherwise had any meeting or consultation whatever with the interrogate Mr. John Charnock, or any other person whatever, respecting what he should say or depose in this cause; nor have any or either of his fellow witnesses had any such meeting or consultation that he knows of, or ever heard.

To the third he answers, that the pro-  
ducent and ministrant had frequently company at their house at King's Bromley; and sometimes two or three young ladies at a time, continued there for two or three days together; but the respondent doth not believe that the ministrant rode double, merely with a view of accommodating the said young ladies, or any of them, with horses, by reason there were  
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horses enough for them all to have rode single; that the ministrant and such young ladies did sometimes ride single and double by turns, but on what account the respondent knows not.

To the fourth interrogatory he answers, he knows the ministrant and Miss Viney frequently did go to feed some puppies lying at the top of the stair-case, near the hayloft door; but they could not go into the stable or hayloft for that purpose, by reason the puppies never were there; but for what purpose they went into the stable or hayloft, the deponent cannot take upon himself to say.

To the fifth interrogatory the respondent answers, that, as he hath heard and believes, the ministrant is the daughter of the interrogate Lord Francis Seymour, Dean of Wells; but never heard what sort of an education she had.

To the sixth the respondent answers, that the producent was, as he thinks he hath heard, sixty years old this last birthday; but cannot say he knows whether he is, or is not, a man of a jealous or suspicious temper or disposition; and knows not, nor ever heard, that soon after his marriage with the ministrant, he shewed

shewed any jealousy in his conduct towards her.

To the seventh he answers that the ministrant is, as he thinks, a person of a very lively temper and disposition; but doth not think, according to the best of his judgment, that the producent did, from any jealousy in his disposition, form unfavourable ideas of the ministrant's chastity without any just cause of suspicion, and merely from her good-natured and affable conduct towards every body.

To the eighth interrogatory the respondent answers, that he never heard of the ministrant's frequently shedding tears on account of any unkind behaviour of the producent towards her, or that her eyes were swelled in a morning, or that upon her maid's taking notice of it, she used to say she had had frightful dreams in the night, or any thing to that effect.

To the ninth interrogatory the respondent answers, that, as he hath heard and believes, the producent and ministrant did go to France together in the month of October 1777, and subsequent to their leaving King's Bromley together, and were accompanied thither by the aforesaid Mr. John Charnock, and attended by two footmen; but the respondent never  
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heard whether the producent and ministrant did, or did not lay in one and the same bed together at any place on the road.

The witness was admonished as directed.

23d January 1779.

On the allegation aforesaid, given by Gostling, jun.

*The Deposition of Richard Redfearn.*

RICHARD REDFEARN, game-keeper to John Newton, Esq; at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford, aged thirty-four years, a witness, produced and sworn.

To the third, fourth, and fifth articles of the said allegation the deponent saith, that he went to live with John Newton, Esq; the producent in this cause, on the fourth day of June, 1777, in the capacity of a game-keeper, and is now in his service in the same capacity; that the  
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producent, when the deponent went to live with him, was resident at his seat at King's Bromley, in the county of Stafford, with the Honourable Catherine Newton, his wife, the other party in this cause; who was, as the deponent hath heard, the daughter of the Right Honourable and Reverend Lord Francis Seymour, Dean of the city of Wells; and so continued to reside there with her, till some time in the month of October following, as nearly as the deponent can now recollect the time, and then set off together, as the deponent understood, for the kingdom of France; and during all the said time, they, the said John Newton, Esq; and Catherine Newton, constantly lived and cohabited together at bed and board, and owned and acknowledged each other to be lawful husband and wife, and so were univerially accounted, reputed, and taken to be: and the said John Newton, so far as the deponent ever knew or heard, always behaved to his said wife with great tenderness and affection: and was, at length, induced to withdraw himself from cohabiting with her, and still continues so to do, as the deponent hath always understood and believes, from his having been informed, that the said Mrs. Newton had

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behaved with much too great freedom and familiarity with the articulate Iſham Baggs and Thomas Cope; and from his being of opinion, from ſuch information, that the ſaid Mrs. Newton had been guilty of the crime of adultery with the ſaid two perſons; and further to the ſaid articles he cannot depoſe.

To the eighth article the deponent ſaith, that the articulate Iſham Baggs came to the ſaid John Newton, Eſq; at King's Bromley aforeſaid, about the latter end of June or beginning of July, in the ſaid year 1777, which was the firſt time the deponent ever ſaw or knew of him; and the deponent then underſtood, from what he heard in the family, that the ſaid Mr. Baggs was a young gentleman, whom the ſaid Mr. Newton had brought up and educated, at his own expence, from his childhood, and had ſent to the univerſity of Oxford, with a view of bringing him up to the church; and the deponent further ſaith, he hath frequently ſeen the ſaid Mr. Baggs and Mrs. Newton together, about the yard and in the ſtables, and walking about, and riding out together; and hath, about twice, as he thinks, ſeen them together in his, the deponent's room, which was a room with a bed in  
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it, wherein the deponent usually slept, and a little way detached from the house; but the deponent cannot say that he himself ever saw any indecent familiarities pass between the said Mrs. Newton and Mr. Baggs; but hath heard from the other servants in the house, that when they have been out fishing together, the said Mrs. Newton hath been seen to take off her shoes and stockings, and wash her feet in the river, and the said Mr. Baggs to be present, and assisting her in so doing; also, that when the said Mr. Baggs has been going to settle the said Mrs. Newton's cloaths, after she had got on horseback, he has been seen to put his hand and arm a great way up under her petticoats; and further, hath heard the housemaids complain, that the said Mr. Baggs's bed used to be much tumbled after it had been made in a morning, that they were under the necessity of making it again before night; and upon their so complaining, orders had been given for the said Mr. Baggs's bed not to be made till the evening: and further hath heard, that the said Mrs. Newton hath been in the same room with the said Mr. Baggs, with only her shift and under petticoat on, and her neck and breast quite bare and ex-

posed; but further to the said article he cannot depose, save that upon recollection, he saith, he hath himself sometimes seen the said Mr. Baggs fold his arms round the said Mrs. Newton's waist, when in the court yard before the house, and so lift her up and let her down again.

To the sixteenth article the deponent saith, he knows the articulate Thomas Cope, who was coachman to the said John Newton, in riding out on horseback, upon account of Isaac Hatheway, her own footman, being ill, which was, to the best of the deponent's present recollection, as to time, about the month of August, in the said year 1777; and from that time it was very generally observed and talked of, that the said Thomas Cope began to be upon a very free and familiar footing with her, and to take what were thought to be very great and indecent liberties; and the deponent hath himself seen the said Thomas Cope, when so riding out with the said Mrs. Newton, ride close by her side, and lay his hand in her lap; and hath often seen her go into the stable, and be for some time together about the horses, when the said Thomas Cope was in the stable; but cannot say he ever saw any familiarities between them whilst so  
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in the stable together; and the deponent very well remembers, that it was publicly talked of one morning in the servant's hall, at breakfast, that the said Mrs. Newton had the day before threw her handkerchief at the said Thomas Cope, as he was driving her in the chaise to Foston, and that upon his having returned it to her, she had dropped a note for him in the boot of the chaise, which note was on the said morning at breakfast handed about amongst the servants; but this deponent himself did not read it; but from what was then said, he understood the purport thereof to signify, that the said Thomas Cope was a stupid fellow to return the handkerchief, and not accept a lady's favours; and the deponent further saith, that he soon after asked the said Thomas Cope, if he had then returned his mistress her handkerchief; to which he replied he had, but if he could get another he would not return it; and in a day or two after, the deponent saw the said Thomas Cope with a white cambrick handkerchief very much perfumed, which he then informed the deponent the said Mrs. Newton had given him, and added, that he had been riding with her that day, and had a thousand kisses of her; and  
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after that time the deponent never saw the said Thomas Cope without a white perfumed handkerchief in his possession, which he used to tell the deponent the said Mrs. Newton would every now and then exchange with him, and give him a fresh perfumed one for a dirty one; and the said Thomas Cope further informed the deponent at different times, that the said Mrs. Newton used sometimes, in getting in and out of the carriage, to stick notes for him in the springs of the carriages; and the said Thomas Cope had sometimes three or four of such notes in his possession at a time, which he shewed to the deponent, and sometimes gave to him to read; but the deponent cannot recollect the contents of any of them, but saith they were always written with a pencil: and further to the said articles he cannot depose.

To the seventeenth article the deponent saith, that after the said Thomas Cope had began to attend the said Mrs. Newton in riding out as before mentioned, she began to ride behind the said Thomas Cope upon one of the coach horses, although the deponent had never known or heard of her riding double before;  
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and although there were at the same time in the stables three saddle horses, which the said Mrs. Newton had used to ride; and the deponent hath known the said Mrs. Newton and Thomas Cope, on such occasions, frequently stay out till after dark; and if they have been come in from riding, the said Thomas Cope hath frequently, in conversation with the deponent, told him, that he and the said Mrs. Newton had been riding and where they had stopt to eat and drink; and further, that the said Mrs. Newton used to put her arms round his neck, and her hand into his bosom, and tickle him so as he had never been tickled in his life before; and he used often to declare, that whenever he had an opportunity, he would kiss the said Mrs. Newton, by which he meant, as the deponent understood and does apprehend, and verily believes from his manner of expressing himself, that if he could get an opportunity, he would have the carnal use and knowledge of the said Mrs. Newton's body; and this deponent, himself, never saw the said Mrs. Newton in the deponent's room but twice, and one other time that she just peeped in the door, and seeing the deponent, and  
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the said Thomas Cope then both on the bed together in the same room, told the deponent to lye still and not disturb himself, for that she wanted nothing particular; but the deponent heard at different times, and verily believes, that the said Mrs. Newton used frequently to go up into or towards the said room, and that the said Thomas Cope used to follow her there; and the deponent further saith, that the way up into the room was by a stair case which came down into the common stable, and his room door was nearly opposite the top of the stairs, and on the left hand thereof, was a door into the gardener's room, and on the right hand another door into the hayloft, over the coachman's stable; and there was also a communication between the coachman's stable and the hayloft by a hole, each in the floor of the hayloft, and a ladder placed in the stable under it; and, as the deponent hath heard, the said Thomas Cope was seen to follow the said Mrs. Newton sometimes up the stair case, and at other times to go to his room by going into his own stable, and from thence through the hole in the hayloft floor, by which means no body out in the yard could perceive him go up to her; and



and the deponent hath heard his fellow witness, James Ford, say several times, that if he at any such times happened to be any where up the said stair case, the said Thomas Ford would send him down on some excuse or other; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the eighteenth article the deponent saith, that for about a month or better, after he went to live with the said John Newton, Esq; he used always to keep his aforesaid room door locked, and the key thereof in his pocket, without its being taken any notice of; but that then the said Thomas Cope began to teaze and importune the deponent to leave his room door open, or leave the key thereof on a ledge near the door, where he could get at it; and several times had words with the deponent about it; when he used to say his mistress, meaning the said Mrs. Newton, had insisted upon it he should leave his room door unlocked; and if he did not, he, the said Thomas Cope, would tell his mistress of it, and get the deponent turned out of his place; and added, that it was in his power to get any servant in the house turned away; that for these reasons, and for quietness sake, the deponent did at length leave the

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key of his room door on a ledge near the door, where the said Thomas Cope could at all times get at it; and he often after that had it in his possession, and kept the door locked, in so much, that the deponent sometimes could not get into his own room without going after the said Thomas Cope for his key; and the deponent further saith, that in or about the months of August or September, there was a bitch pupped on the landing place, close by the deponent's room door, which puppies were kept there for sometime, till they could run about; and the said Mrs. Newton, and the articulate Miss Viney, used to go very often, and even several times in a day, to see and feed the puppies; and at such times the said Mrs. Newton would sometimes, as the deponent hath heard and believes, go into the hayloft over the coachman's stable, where the said Thomas Cope used to come up to her out of his stable, and roll and tumble about with her in the hay, the said Miss Viney at the same time being placed to watch at the top of the stairs; but the deponent cannot say, he himself ever saw the said Thomas Cope and Mrs. Newton in the said hayloft together; and  
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further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the twentieth article the deponent saith, that he hath very frequently seen the said Mrs. Newton and Miss Viney go across the court yard to the common stable, in which was the staircase, which led up to the deponent's room; and in their way thither from the house, they were obliged to go by the window of the servant's hall, and often went by such window when the servants were all at dinner there; at which times, if the said Thomas Cope happened to see them go by, which he generally did, he used always to get up immediately and go after them without staying to finish his dinner, or drink his beer, which he often left behind him; and upon those occasions the deponent hath known the said Miss Viney to come back by herself into the house or dairy for milk for the puppies, and to return again a second time to seek for the bitch the puppies belonged to; upon each of which errands the deponent hath known the said Miss Viney to be employed for about ten minutes, or perhaps a quarter of an hour; but whether she at such times left the said Mrs. Newton and Thomas Cope together

or not, the deponent cannot take upon himself to say, he having never seen them together upon those occasions; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

To the twenty-second article the deponent saith, that the said Thomas Cope was discharged from the service of the said John Newton, Esq; about the latter end of the month of September, in the said year 1777, as nearly as the deponent can now recollect the time; and the aforesaid Mr. Isham Baggs also left the said Mr. Newton's house the same day, and as the deponent apprehends, and hath no doubt of, in consequence of orders and directions for that purpose from the said John Newton, Esq; who, as the deponent verily believes had then just been informed of the familiar intercourses there had been between the said Mrs. Newton, and the said Mr. Isham Baggs and Thomas Cope; and the deponent further saith, that in about a week afterwards, the said Mr. and Mrs. Newton themselves, accompanied by a Mr. Charnock, an intimate acquaintance of the said Mr. Newton's, set off together from King's Bromley aforesaid, and went, as the deponent hath heard and believes, to the city of Paris, in France; that such journey



journey was undertaken, as the deponent hath also heard at the particular request of the said Mrs. Newton; she had desired to be placed in a convent at Paris, that her late conduct might not be exposed; that the said Mr. Newton and Mr. Charnock returned to King's Bromley aforesaid, in about a month or five weeks, without the said Mrs. Newton; whom, as the deponent understood, they had then left at Paris, in order to be placed in a convent; and where the said Mr. Newton had agreed to allow her a hundred pounds every quarter for her support; and further to the said article he cannot depose.

R. REDFEARN.

*The same Witness on the Interrogatories aforesaid.*

To the first interrogatory the respondent answers, that he comes now to be examined as a witness in this cause at the request of the producent, who, at such time, told him, and also his fellow witnesses, Richard Symonds and James Ford, they were to come up to give their evidence as to what they knew about the ministrant's conduct and behaviour; and  
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he, at the same time, delivered a letter to them to Mr. Lane, his solicitor, with directions to apply to him for what money they might want whilst in London, and he then wished them a good journey; that he hath not received, or been promised, nor does he expect to receive any fee, reward, or gratuity whatever, for attending to give his evidence in this cause; any further or otherwise than to be paid his expences whilst from home.

To the second he answers, that he was applied to by his fellow witness, James Bird, to know what he had seen respecting the ministrant's conduct towards the said Thomas Cope and Isham Baggs; and the respondent wrote down the particulars of what he had seen, and delivered the same to the said Mr. Bird, who, as he believes, delivered it to the producent; since which the respondent hath, at two separate times, been examined on the same subjects, by the interrogate Mr. John Charnock and Mr. Lane, separately; each of whom wrote down the respondent's answers to the questions they then asked him; the substance of which answers were to the same purport as the evidence he hath now given; and was told by James Ford, that the said Mr. Charnock  
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had examined him in the same manner he examined the respondent; but further to the said interrogatory he answers in the negative.

To the third interrogatory the respondent answers, that the producent and ministrant had frequently company at their house; and there were generally two young ladies at the house for some time together; but the respondent doth not believe that the ministrant ever rode double merely for the sake of accommodating the said young ladies with horses, and does not recollect ever to have seen the said young ladies ride double.

To the fourth, the respondent answers, that the ministrant and Miss Viney did go to feed the puppies, but doth not think they always went into or towards the stable into the hayloft for that purpose only; but does think the ministrant often went that way with a view of getting into company with the said Thomas Cope; but cannot take upon himself to say or judge, whether any thing criminal did, or did not, pass between them

To the fifth interrogatory the respondent answers, that the ministrant was, as he hath heard and believes, the daughter of the interrogate Lord Francis Seymour,  
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Dean of Wells, but never heard how she had been brought up or educated.

To the sixth he answers, that the respondent was, as he thinks he hath heard and believes, sixty-one years of age in August last; but the deponent doth not think him to be a person of a jealous or suspicious temper or disposition, and never heard, and doth not believe, that he ever shewed any jealousy in his conduct towards the ministrant soon after his marriage with her.

To the seventh interrogatory the respondent answers, that the ministrant is of a very lively temper and disposition; but the respondent doth not think or believe that the producent did, merely from the freedom and affability of the ministrant's behaviour, form unfavourable ideas of her chastity from any jealousy in his own disposition, and without just cause of suspicion.

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